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17 to 20 September 1949

1. Maneuvers of combined air force and army units were held at the MARKENDORF (N 52/E 78) troop training grounds. Fighters, mostly in groups of three or six planes, took off from the JUETERBOG-ALTES LAGER (N 52/E 69) airfield and flew in formation over the woods around MARKENDORF.

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A hundred and fifty-six fighters were parked at the JUETERBOG-ALTES LAGER airfield about 3 p.m. Twenty-four more fighters were aloft at the same time. Many officers were observed at the field.

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3. There was intensive passenger traffic at the JUETERBOG-ALTES LAGER airfield. About two hundred fighters with the following features were parked in front of the hangars on the northern edge of the airfield: Single-seat low-wing monoplane, in-line engine, radiator under fuselage.

4. A large pile of 50-kilogram bombs was on the eastern edge of the field.

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5. The bombs were no longer at the field. The aircraft were parked as before.

Comment:

a. The reported maneuvers of air force and army units at the MARKENDORF troop training grounds are considered credible since they were repeatedly confirmed by another source.

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b. The reported occupation of the airfield by about 180 fighters is unusually high. Fighter units were possibly concentrated at the airfield in connection with large-scale maneuvers. The report does not indicate the previous location of the fighters. Some of them had possibly been stationed in BRANDENBURG-ARADO.

c. The airfield was evacuated in mid-September 1949 by the two fighter regiments previously stationed there.

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